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ABSTRACT

This digest is an annotated listing of 50 Internet resources for library media specialists and children's librarians. The resources are organized under the following headings: AskA services; electronic discussion groups; evaluation; Internet basics; keeping current; information literacy; lesson plans; online journals and book reviews; policy; professional organization World Wide Web sites; professional resource links; research; and technology. (MES)

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AskA Services:

AskERIC
http://www.askeric.org
A personalized Internet-based service that provides education information to teachers, librarians, counselors, administrators, and parents. Includes access to the ERIC database, lesson plans and a virtual library.

Internet Public Library
http://www.ipl.org/
Provides an online question and answer service and supplies resources and materials to support the professional development of librarians and information professionals.

Virtual Reference Desk Locator
http://www.vrd.org/locator/index.html
A database of high-quality "AskA" services designed to link students, teachers, parents and other K-12 community members with experts on the Internet.

Electronic Discussion Groups:

Big6
http://big6.com/
A listserv that facilitates implementation of Big6™ information and technology literacy programs in all educational situations.

Child_Lit
http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mjoseph/childlit/about.html
A discussion group for the purpose of examining the theory and criticism of literature for children and young adults.

LM_NET
http://ericir.syr.edu/lm_net/
A professional listserv for over 13,000 school librarians worldwide covering topics relevant to school libraries.

OZ_TLNET
http://www.csu.edu.au/research/cstl/oztl_net/
A professional discussion list for information professionals primarily working in Australian schools.

Evaluation:

Evaluating Web Resources
http://www2.widener.edu/Wolfgram-Memorial-Library/webevaluation/webeval.htm
Checklists for personal, advocacy, news, informational, and business sites.

Web Site Evaluations
http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/eval.html
Evaluation surveys at the elementary, middle, and secondary school levels

Internet Basics:

Bare Bones 101: A Basic Tutorial on Searching the Web
http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/bones.html
Short lessons on Web search engines, subject directories, search tips, and Boolean logic.

Boolean Searching on the Internet
http://www.albany.edu/library/internet/boolean.html
A primer on Boolean Searching and how to maximize efficient Web searching using the three logical operators: and, or, not.

Search Engine Showdown
http://www.notess.com/search/
Features, statistics, comparisons, search strategies, and analyses of specialized search engines including Usenet, subject guides, email lists, and meta-search engines.

Keeping Current:

Blue Web'n
http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/
A searchable database of more than 1000 outstanding Internet learning sites categorized by subject area, audience, and type (lessons, activities, projects, resources, references, and tools).

Internet Scout Project
http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/addserv/weblio/index.html
Webliographies are geared toward children, teens, parents, and older adults.

Kids Report
http://kids.library.wisc.edu/
An annotated library of curriculum-related Internet sites produced by K-12 students as resources for other K-12 students and teachers, based on selection criteria.

Information Literacy:

Big6 eNewsletter
http://big6.com/enewsletter/
Features articles, Big6 in action, and lessons for teaching information problem-solving.

From Now On (Jamie McKenzie)
http://www.fno.org/
Articles about assessment, information literacy, questioning, Internet policies, and staff development from an innovative educator.

WebQuest Page
http://edweb.sdsu.edu/webquest/
Describes and provides resources for WebQuests, an inquiry-oriented activity in which most or all of the information used by learners is drawn from the Web.

Lesson Plans:

GEM (Gateway to Educational Materials)
http://www.thegateway.org/
The key to one-stop, any-stop access to high quality lesson plans, curriculum units and other education resources on the Internet.

Online Journals and Book Reviews:

Booklinks: Connecting Books, Libraries, and Classrooms
http://www.ala.org/BookLinks/
Site includes sample articles from the recent issue, an archive of past articles and cumulative indices from 1990-present.

Booklist
http://www.ala.org/booklist/index.html
Provides sample reviews for adult, youth, and reference books and electronic reference tools. Editor's Choice lists top book and video picks for the year. Search the reviews for specific books.

Book Report and Library Talk
http://www.linworth.com/
Read selected articles from the current issue as well as some reviews of books and software from Book Report (secondary) and Library Talk (elementary).

BookSpot
http://www.bookspot.com/
Find online texts, book reviews, reading lists, author and publisher information, and events.

The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/puboff/bccb/
Includes feature articles and archives, book reviews, award winners and The Bulletin Dozen, a monthly theme-based list of titles available only online.

Horn Book Magazine
http://www.hbook.com/mag.shtml
Offers book reviews, Virtual History Exhibit, excerpts from articles, interviews, editorials, columns, news, and obituaries.

MultiMedia Schools Magazine
http://www.infotoday.com/MMSchools/
A free online version of selected articles and columns with reviews of Web sites, software and other networking resources for K-12 products and services.

School Library Journal
http://www.slj.com/
A free online version of SLJ offers top Web sites, library news, selected articles from past issues, CD-ROM evaluations, conference calendar, and job postings.

Teacher Librarian
http://www.teacherlibrarian.com/
Find full text and excerpts from columns about Web sites, professional reading, K-12 bestsellers, technology and new products for school librarians.

Policy:

Crash Course in Copyright
http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm
Copyright basics including fair use, multimedia, licensing, and management.

Kidz Privacy
http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/kidzprivacy/index.html
Rules and resources about the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Professional Organization Web Sites:

American Association of School Librarians
http://www.ala.org/aasl/
Resources for school librarians ranging from research, continuing education, awards and grants to position statements. The resource guide includes intellectual freedom, collaboration, flexible scheduling and information literacy.

American Library Association
http://www.ala.org/
Provides resources for the ALA divisions, Public Information Office, library promotional events, conferences, and specific areas of interest including literacy, outreach, employment, research, standards and guidelines.

Association for Library Service to Children
http://www.ala.org/alsc/
Promotes improvement and extension of library services to children in all types of libraries and includes collections of award winning books and evaluated Web sites for children.

International Association of School Librarianship
http://www.hi.is/~anne/iasl.html
Provides an international forum for people interested in promoting effective school library media programs.

Young Adult Library Services Association
http://www.ala.org/yalsa/
The site highlights award winning books for young adults, including reluctant readers, provides ideas for Teen Read Week, and other resources for librarians serving young adults.

Professional Resource Links:

The Cyberlibrarians' Rest Stop
http://www.thelearningsite.net/cyberlibrarian/reststop.html
Search tutorials, keeping current with Web resources, and online collection development tools.

Internet School Library Media Center (ISLMC) school libraries page
http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/libraries.htm
Information on selection, cataloging and classification, management, assessment, and standards.

Learning@Web.Sites Library Media Center
http://www.ecnet.net/users/gdlevin/library.html
Collection of links pertinent to school librarians, relating to curriculum, technology, planning, and support.

Librarian's Index to the Internet
http://lii.org/
A searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 7,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness to users of public libraries.

LibraryHQ
http://www.libraryhq.com/
Resources for the "wired librarian" including technology, hot topics, and automation systems.

LibrarySpot
http://www.libraryspot.com/
A virtual library resource center for educators and students, librarians and their patrons.

LION- Librarians Information Online Network
http://www.libertynet.org/lion/lion.html
An online resource focusing on the needs of K-12 school librarians

Nueva Library Page (Debbie Abilock)
http://nuevaschool.org/~debbie/library/overview.html
Library policies, research, citations, outreach, and professional development.

The Public Service Librarian's Professional Guide to Internet Resources
http://www.winsor.edu/library/libguide.htm
Links for standards, online experts, classification systems, copyright, censorship, and evaluation.

Refdesk
http://www.refdesk.com/
Ready reference, fact sources and subject specific resources.

School-Libraries.Org (Peter Milbury)
http://www.school-libraries.org/resources/
A collection of online materials to assist school librarians make effective use of the resources of the Web.

Research:

ERIC/IT
http://ericir.syr.edu/ithome/
The ERIC Clearinghouse that specializes in library and information science and educational technology. Includes digests and other publications.

Library Research Service
http://www.lrs.org/
Provides research, statistics, "fast facts" and the "Colorado Report" with its 1999 update giving evidence that academic achievement is directly related to school libraries.

Technology:

Doug Johnson's Homepage
http://www.doug-johnson.com/
A collection of articles on school technology and library issues, rubrics, journal columns from a leader in educational technology.

Symantec's AntiVirus Research Center
http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/
Find risks, threats, hoaxes, and fixes to computer viruses.

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